

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2520

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2024

Portfolio	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Air Quality Update and Review of the Gosport Road Air Quality Management areas
Report of:	Director of Neighbourhoods
Corporate Priority:	Respond to Climate Change and Protect the Environment

Purpose:

To revoke the Gosport Road and Portland Street Air Quality Management areas (AQMA's).

Part IV of the Environment Act 1995 introduced a requirement on all local authorities to carry out duties in relation to Local Air Quality Management (LAQM). All local authorities are obliged to regularly review and assess air quality in their areas and determine whether the air quality objectives for different pollutants are likely to be achieved.

Between 1998 and 2001, Fareham Borough Council undertook its first round of review and assessments of air quality. Following subsequent monitoring and progress reports, the results showed that the NO₂ annual mean objective would be exceeded both in 2005 and 2010 in Gosport Road at the junction with Newgate Lane and Redlands Lane, and therefore Fareham Borough Council was required to declare an AQMA in the area. The Fareham AQMA was declared in April 2006. Following the 2006 Updating Screening Assessment, the Portland Street AQMA was declared on 01 December 2007 for nitrogen dioxide from vehicle exhaust emissions.

Due to the actions identified and implemented within the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and subsequent improvements in technology, following discussion and review of the 2023 data with the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Fareham Borough Council has been instructed to revoke both AQMA's in early 2024. This would be achieved by the Executive approving the order shown at Appendix A to the report. If approved there will then be no AQMA's in Fareham.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive approves the Revocation of the two Air Quality Management Areas as detailed in the report.

Reason:

This is because of the sustained improvement in Air Quality in the areas and the subsequent instruction from DEFRA.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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